

MONDAY, 3RD APRIL 2023



OASIS ACADEMY ISLE OF SHEPPEY EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



REFLECTION – SPRING TERM 2:

I am writing this having seen some very creative poem writing across the final week of term in the **Poetry** workshops taking place, please see samples below.

This is just one of many great opportunities that have been given to our students this term: a residential experience at Sevenoaks school, Sleeping Beauty dance production by Matthew Bourne at the Marlowe theatre as well as a Royal Shakespeare Company workshop from the drama team and for Sixth Form students, being one of two schools nationally given the opportunity by the Royal College of Art to work on a 4-week project.

The Careers fair in March saw a wide representation of exhibitors including construction industries, health professions, law professions, freight and logistics organisations, retail, engineering, food service retail chain and optometry coming into the Academy; additionally exhibitors from universities and apprenticeships. The event was attended by just over 600 students from Years 10, 11, 12 & 13, with students able to meet and interact with employers; find out about local and national employers; learn more about the different roles within companies; discover the skills, qualifications and routes into different professions and to what employers are looking for in their future workforce.

Immediate wins from the Careers events included students who secured work experience placements, part time employment and positive steps towards starting an apprenticeship.

During the final week of the term, we had a Primary schools sports event where our Year 8 **Sports leaders** were assisting Primary staff and students. The schools participating have written to me to say how confident, courteous and ambassadorial the students were; but then I am regularly told this.

On every occasion our students when interacting with others, without exception I receive feedback to say how **fantastic** our young people are.

U's poem:
Doreen Lawrence was strong and devastated,
Her son's death was understated
Campaigning justice for her son
For those without voices and those who
ended on the other side of a gun.

H-J's poems:
Marcus Rashford was a brave man who took hits
Just for free school dinners for kids.
He was discriminated racially because he was black
But he carried on and never turned back.
Muhammed Ali is strong and potent,
Who stands tall to his opponents.
He was oppressed and racially attacked,
he stayed strong and fought back.

K's poem:
Muhammed Ali fought so hard
Conscience objector
Who's career was scary,
He was shamed for his religion;
He was drained from his talent.
A brave, courageous man: resilient and gallant.

R&F's poem:
Doreen Lawrence fighting for her son's life.
Crying for help to end her strife.
But no one will help her find the beast.
She got into the House of Lords to find her peace.

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It is a turbulent time for the academy with the possible re-brokering, however I am pleased to say the passion and commitment of the staff here means that there is still a drive to show improvements.

The recent monitoring visit although not yet published does recognise this. The report when published will be shared with you all.

We have a really important term ahead particularly for our Year 11 and 13 students and we are busy planning to make sure it is the best term yet. Exam intervention classes are taking place across the Easter Spring break, further opportunities for our students to reinforce their learning and support in their preparation for the upcoming examinations.

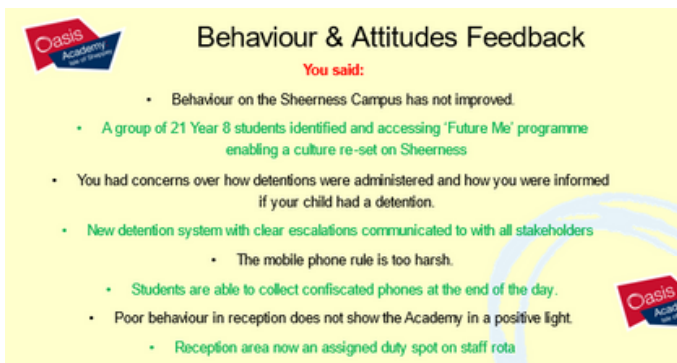
It is pleasing to know however we have a break to relax, refresh and reflect in order to come back invigorated and ready for the challenges ahead . Happy Easter to you all .

Mr Booth

Executive Principal

PARENTS FORUM - FEEDBACK - BEHAVIOUR

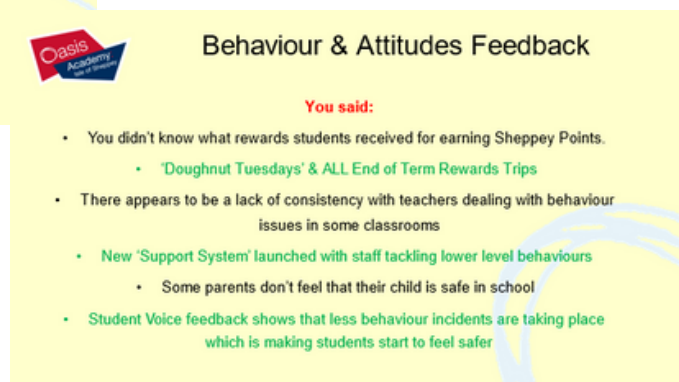
During our **January** Parent Forum, we discussed the topic of Behaviour and how this can be improved and consistent. The main take away points from the discussions are listed below, together with the actions we have taken:



Behaviour & Attitudes Feedback

You said:

- Behaviour on the Sheerness Campus has not improved.
- A group of 21 Year 8 students identified and accessing 'Future Me' programme enabling a culture re-set on Sheerness
- You had concerns over how detentions were administered and how you were informed if your child had a detention.
- New detention system with clear escalations communicated to with all stakeholders
 - The mobile phone rule is too harsh.
- Students are able to collect confiscated phones at the end of the day.
- Poor behaviour in reception does not show the Academy in a positive light.
 - Reception area now an assigned duty spot on staff rota



Behaviour & Attitudes Feedback

You said:

- You didn't know what rewards students received for earning Sheppey Points.
 - 'Doughnut Tuesdays' & ALL End of Term Rewards Trips
- There appears to be a lack of consistency with teachers dealing with behaviour issues in some classrooms
 - New 'Support System' launched with staff tackling lower level behaviours
 - Some parents don't feel that their child is safe in school
- Student Voice feedback shows that less behaviour incidents are taking place which is making students start to feel safer

A parental letter from Mr Slater-Powell, Deputy Principal was circulated on March 17th providing detailed information of the updates made to our Rewards and Behaviour consequence process.

When undertaking reviews of data and current processes, feedback from all stakeholders forms an integral part of our planning; feedback received at our January Parent Forum, together with communication with staff and students contributes to this continual review of our processes.

A copy of the letter can also be found on the academy's website under Academy Life - Letters.

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Really encouraging to see growth in numbers in our **Parents' Forum** in **March** and an opportunity to welcome parents and carers of our new Year 7 cohort joining in September. The focus of Communication gave the opportunity to provide an up date on what we have been doing to date to improve this area; additionally to listen to the experiences and insights of parents and carers so we can continue to make improvements.

The next **Parents' Forum** will take place on **Tuesday, 23rd May 2023 - 6.00-7.00 pm** – Minster campus. The topic of discussion will be advised closer to the date. An update will be given on the continuing work of communication following March's forum.

We would like to continue this growth and encourage as many parents and carers to join us and participate in the discussion. Please email Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org if you are able to attend on 23rd May.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Please find detailed below useful dates for each of the remaining year group's Parents' evenings; good to have these back as face to face meetings, with appointments made in the lead up to each. Details will be sent home in the weeks leading up to your child's year group Parents' evening.

Year 7 detail has been shared prior to the Easter Spring break in preparation for April 26th; Year 7 Parents and Carers, please ensure your book appointments, this is a first opportunity to meet with your child's subjects teachers, learn of your child's progress and current focusses, and to raise any questions you have.

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| Wednesday, 26th April 2023 | Year 7 Parents' evening - appointments via SchoolCloud | Sheerness campus |
| Wednesday, 7th June 2023 | Year 10 Parents' evening - appointments via SchoolCloud | Minster campus |
| Wednesday, 14th June 2023 | Year 8 Parents' evening - appointments via SchoolCloud | Sheerness campus |

Years 9, 10 and 11 - Immunisations - 2nd and 3rd May 2023

A reminder of the letters sent to Years 9, 10 and 11 parents and carers providing detail for the upcoming immunisation clinics taking place on the Minster campus on 2nd and 3rd May 2023.

Year 9 - Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) & Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (Td/IPV)

Years 10 and 11 - catch up clinics - Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) & Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations.

If you have any questions regarding the immunisations, please use the contact details detailed on the letter which include a **direct telephone** line to the **Immunisation team - 0300 123 5205**; **text** the service on **07401 320923** or **email kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net** .

Term Dates - 2023-24

To highlight, **Term Dates for 2023-24** have been issued and circulated. If you wish to view an additional copy, these are available on the academy's website, for your information and to help in your planning.